



Diocese of Calgary



Thanksgiving
.. for ..
Victory Service



1945

Order of Service

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(The Clergy and Choir will take their places, and together with the congregation shall stand and sing),

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King!

(The congregation still standing, the Minister shall say)

THE BIDDING

BRETHREN, we are met together on this day to pour out our hearts in fervent thanksgiving to the God and Father of us all, and to dedicate ourselves afresh to the service of His Kingdom. We desire to thank Him for deliverance from the hand of our enemies; for the devotion, even to death, of those who for the five years past have stood between us and slavery; and for the hopes of a better world for all His people. I bid you, therefore, lift up your hearts that you may tell the praises of our God, and pray that His wisdom may lead us, and His Spirit strengthen us, in the days that are to come.

Minister Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us:
People but unto Thy Name give the praise.

Minister The Lord hath done great things for us already;
People whereof we rejoice.

Minister Praise the Lord, O my soul:
People and forget not all His benefits.

HYMN

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and sports us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him;
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace. Amen.

(Then shall the Minister say),

Now bless the Lord your God.

(Then, the congregation having knelt down, shall be said)

THE THANKSGIVINGS

<i>Minister</i>	We give thanks to Thee, O Lord our Father: For the call to do battle for the right, For the unity of nation and empire, For the maintenance of faith and hope in the darkest days,
<i>People</i>	We thank Thee, O Lord.
<i>Minister</i>	For the trust and co-operation between the allied nations, For the mighty help of the United States of America and Russia, For the wholehearted loyalty of our whole Commonwealth of Nations,
<i>People</i>	We thank Thee, O Lord.

Minister For our King and Queen,
 For the gift of great leaders,
 For the ready sacrifice of the whole people,
 For all who endured bravely in pain and loss,
People We thank Thee, O Lord.
Minister For all who have laid down their lives that we might
 be free,
People We thank Thee, O Lord.

*(Here shall be made a pause for silent remembrance
 of the fallen.)*

Minister For the daring and endurance of our navies,
 For the resolute bravery of our armies,
 For the skill and determination of our airmen,
People We thank Thee, O Lord.
Minister For the devotion of doctors, nurses, and chaplains,
 For the protectors of our homes,
 For all who have laboured to provide food and the
 tools of war,
People We thank Thee, O Lord.
Minister For Thy sustaining power through toil and fear,
 agonies and most instant perils,
 For the issue awarded upon Thy eternal justice,
 For the promise of peace,
People We thank Thee, O Lord.
Minister For these and all other blessings from the hand of
 God, let us give thanks in the words of the ancient
 psalm:

(Then, all standing, shall be said these verses of

PSALM 136)

Minister O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious:
People for His mercy endureth for ever.
Minister O thank the Lord of all lords:
People for His mercy endureth for ever.
Minister Who only doeth great wonders:
People for His mercy endureth for ever.
Minister Who remembered us when we were in trouble:
People for His mercy endureth for ever.
Minister And hath delivered us from our enemies:
People for His mercy endureth for ever.
Minister O give thanks unto the God of heaven:
People for His mercy endureth for ever.
Minister O give thanks unto the Lord of lords:
People for His mercy endureth for ever.

(And all shall sing),

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(The congregation will be seated).

LESSON: St. Luke 2, vv. 8-14.

THE BEGINNING OF THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL OF PEACE.

AND there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this is the sign unto you; Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased.

HYMN

(Tune—"Wareham")

Rejoice, O land, in God thy might,
His will obey, Him serve aright;
For thee the saints uplift their voice;
Fear not, O land, in God rejoice.

Glad shalt thou be, with blessing crowned,
With joy and peace thou shalt abound;
Yea, love with thee shall make his home
Until thou see God's kingdom come.

He shall forgive thy sins untold;
Remember thou His love of old;
Walk in His way, His word adore,
And keep His truth for evermore. Amen.

(Here may follow)

THE ADDRESS

*(Then shall the people kneel, and the Minister, from the pulpit,
shall call them to)*

SOLEMN DEDICATION

Let us, as our best and only worthy thanksgiving, lay our lives before God in penitence for the past and resolve for the future, and dedicate ourselves anew to His service;

Minister That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies:

People might serve Him without fear.

Minister In holiness and righteousness before Him:

People all the days of our life.

Minister Let us confess our forgetfulness of God, and our share of the sin that brought catastrophe upon the world.

(Then shall all say together)

ALMIGHTY GOD, longsuffering and of great goodness: We confess to Thee, we confess with our whole heart: our neglect and forgetfulness of Thy Commandments: our wrong doing, speaking, and thinking: the hurts we have done to others: and the good we have left undone: O God, forgive Thy people that have sinned against Thee: and blot out all our transgressions: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister

GRANT, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray now for a true and lasting peace.

ETERNAL GOD, in Whose Kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, and no strength known but the strength of love: We pray Thee so mightily to shed and spread abroad Thy Spirit, that all peoples and ranks may be gathered under one banner, of the Prince of Peace; as children of one God and Father of all; to Whom be the dominion and glory now and for ever. Amen.

Let us pray for a new world.

O MOST Holy Spirit of God, from Whom alone floweth the fulness of wisdom and life: Come in Thine everlasting power and glory upon Thy Church and into the hearts of men, to bring to the world a new birth of holiness, new understandings of truth and new unity in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with the Father and with Thee liveth and reigneth, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us now make together our resolve to our Father in heaven.

*(Then shall be said by the Minister and people together,
line by line),*

O LORD GOD, we acknowledge Thee as our Father:
ourselves as Thy children:
our neighbours as our brethren:

And we dedicate to Thy obedience:
and to their service:
our hearts and minds, our wills and works:

Resolved to stand fast in Thy faith:
to seek the help of Thy Holy Spirit:
and to do battle for Thy perfect Kingdom:
In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR FATHER Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

(Then the Minister shall say),

Finally, in the hour of rejoicing let us silently remember all those for whom the end of war is not the end of suffering.

(At the end of the silence, the Minister shall say),

The Lord be mindful of them and bless them.

(Then shall the congregation stand, and there shall be sung)

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

(Canadian Book of Common Prayer, p. 7-9)

THE BLESSING

HYMN

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Holy Ghost,
Supreme in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.

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**Let Each One Go Forth From This Thanksgiving to Practice
His Dedication, Advancing in the Service of God, and Making
By His Daily Work and Life An Offering to the Creator for
the New Creation: To the Praise of His Holy Name and the
Good of All.**